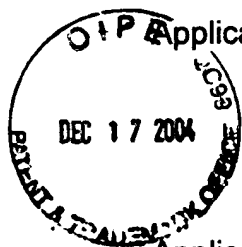


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RESPONSE TO INITIAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sirs:

In response to the initial Office Action mailed August 19, 2004, Applicant is prosecuting this Application pro se and respectfully requests further examination and consideration in view of the 35 USC 121 election, amended Claims, and Remarks herein. Claims 1-17 (as amended) remain pending in the Application.

35 USC 121 Election begins on page 3 of this paper.

Notice of Previously Submitted Claims (17-19) Not Considered by Examiner begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

*copy of Petition For Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and  
check #143, both submitted 11-12-04, are enclosed.*

**35 USC 121 Election**

Applicant hereby affirms the provisional 35 USC 121 election made by phone on 13 August 2004 to prosecute the invention of species 1 of Groups I, II, and III which is the embodiment of Figure 2A with the grip being a slip-on grip with the elements shaped as defined in Claim 6.

Applicant understands that Claims 4, 7-8, 11, and 14-16 are withdrawn from further consideration by Examiner until such time as one or more generic claims are allowed for which the above withdrawn claims depend.

Notice of Claims Not Considered by Examiner

It appears that Claims 17-19 of the subject original application were not considered by Examiner and not addressed in this initial Office Action. These claims were on page 15 of this application filed December 8, 2003 and also page 15 in my December 20, 2002 Provisional Application where they were numbered 16-18 (Claim 2 having been added). Applicant acknowledges that Claims 17 and 18 embodied in Figures 8 and 9, respectively, are not of the species 1 elected herein and will, therefore, be withdrawn until a generic claim, upon which they are dependent, is allowed. Original Claims 17 and 18 are now renumbered 15 and 16 in the amended Claims enclosed herein.